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TO: File  
FROM: Holland Shepherd, Reclamation Soil Specialist *HWS*  
RE: Field Visit Goldstrike Mine, M/053/005, Washington County, Utah

On March 31, 1988 Frank Filas and I visited Tenneco's Goldstrike in Washington County. Frank indicated that he and Dave Wham had visited the site in February of 1988. Since I will be assuming the permit lead status for this mine site, I thought that it would be a good idea to see it again.

The evening before we visited the site, Frank and I attended a town meeting in St. George sponsored by BLM and Tenneco. Tenneco personnel briefed attendees at the meeting, on mining techniques, time tables, environmental impacts, and reclamation projections for the Goldstrike site. No adverse public comment was made at the meeting. Presentations given by several Tenneco employees were organized and very informative. They had obviously put some time into preparation. The meeting was not well attended which indicated to me that there was not a great deal of public concern regarding the development of this mine in the St. George area.. The meeting had been publicized.

The site itself has been impacted by a large number of exploration roads and associated drill pads, which form somewhat of a maze in the proximity of the future mine facilities pad. Most of these areas impacted for exploration will be disturbed again when the mine facilities are constructed. The operator has committed in the June 30, 1987 Letter of Intent to conduct exploratory drilling, to regrade the natural contour and topsoil exploration sites outside areas to be disturbed by future mining. Because of the magnitude of current disturbance I plan to phone Marty Litus of Tenneco to reconfirm the operator's previous commitments and ensure that sediment controls will be implemented during mine construction.

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